

**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as shown below.

Claim 1-25 (canceled).

26. (currently amended) A mailbox for decontaminating mail comprising:  
a door for allowing access to the interior of the mailbox;  
a decontamination system operatively connected to a controller for  
decontaminating mail;  
at least one divider for separating mail; and  
a keyed start switch ~~for receiving a physical key that is engaged and thereby~~  
that is engaged and switched to start when a physical key is inserted and turned and  
that is used to send a decontamination start signal to the decontamination system.

27. (currently amended) The mailbox of claim 26, wherein  
the controller includes a communications device for providing status  
information to a remote user located inside a home.

28-33. (canceled).

34. (currently amended) A decontaminating device including a  
decontamination chamber comprising:  
a door for allowing access to the interior of the decontamination chamber;  
a decontamination system operatively connected to a controller for  
decontaminating mail;  
at least one divider for separating mail; and

a keyed start switch ~~for receiving a physical key that is engaged and thereby~~  
that is engaged and switched to start when a physical key is inserted and turned and  
that is used to send a decontamination start signal to the decontamination system.

35. (previously presented) The mailbox of claim 26 further comprising:  
reflective shielding operatively connected to the mailbox to prevent UV  
radiation from escaping.

36. (canceled).

37. (previously presented) The mailbox of claim 27 wherein:  
the communications device includes a wireless network communications  
channel.

38. (previously presented) The mailbox of claim 26 wherein:  
the divider is at least partially transparent to UV radiation.

39. (previously presented) The mailbox of claim 34 wherein:  
the decontamination system includes a UV source; and  
the divider is at least partially transparent to UV radiation.